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H. R. 6446

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require air carriers to establish reduced air fares and more flexible terms for members of the Armed Forces on active duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2008

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. ALTMIRE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Homecoming Help for
5 Our Heroes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Armed Forces is comprised of approxi-
9 mately 1,400,000 members who are stationed on ac-

(2) the United States is indebted to the members of the Armed Forces, many of whom are in harm's way due to their engagement in, or exposure to, combat;

(3) military service, especially in the current war against terrorism, often requires members of the Armed Forces to be separated from their families on short notice, for long periods of time, and under very stressful conditions;

(4) the unique demands of military service often preclude members of the Armed Forces from purchasing discounted airline tickets far in advance in order to visit their loved ones at home; and

(5) it is the patriotic duty of the people of the United States to support the members of the Armed Forces who are defending the Nation's interests around the world at great personal sacrifice.

20 SEC. 3. SPECIAL PRICES AND TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF
21 THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 415 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 41512. Special prices and terms for members of the**
 2 **Armed Forces**

3 “(a) REDUCED PRICING AND FLEXIBLE TERMS.—

4 An air carrier shall—

5 “(1) offer reduced-price air transportation to
 6 members of the Armed Forces on active duty; and

7 “(2) offer flexible terms that allow members of
 8 the Armed Forces on active duty to purchase, mod-
 9 ify, or cancel tickets for air transportation without
 10 time restrictions, fees, or penalties.

11 “(b) PRICE TO OFFERED.—The reduced-price air
 12 transportation to be offered by an air carrier for a flight
 13 under subsection (a)(1) shall be comparable to the lowest
 14 price charged by the carrier for transportation on such
 15 flight.

16 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Transpor-
 17 tation shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to
 18 carry out this section.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
 20 such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 21 lowing:

“Sec. 41512. Special prices and terms for members of the Armed Forces.”.

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